

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 5, 2005

In re the Application of

Yoshiro SHIOKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2881

Application No.: 10/024,243

Examiner: P. Johnston

Filed: December 21, 2001

Docket No.: 111522

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ION ATTACHMENT MASS SPECTROMETRY

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

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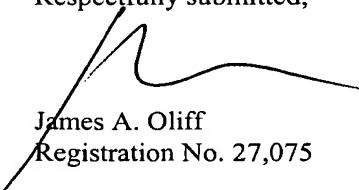
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 5, 2004, an extension of time for a period of TWO months is hereby requested. A one month extension of time fee has already been paid (\$110). Attached hereto is our Check No. 162263 in the amount of \$340.00 in payment for:

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